

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:
 ~~receiving transmitting and scheduling~~ a data packet for delivery from at least one sending device to at least one receiving device at different rates and in different layers using Asynchronous Layered Coding (ALC) with congestion control and Forward Error Coding (FEC);
 determining at said receiving device missing or mangled data transmitted from said sending device for multiple data rates and multiple layers using negative acknowledgement (NACK)-Oriented Reliable Multicast (NORM) protocols at the receiving device;
 sending an acknowledgement ~~or~~ of transmission of missing or mangled data from said receiving device to said sending device ~~and~~ or to another receiving device; and
 ~~receiving transmitting~~ a retransmission of said missing or mangled data from ~~said sending device and/or~~ said other receiving device to complete the data packet and a data transmission session.
2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said acknowledgment of said missing or mangled data is a multicast or unicast negative acknowledgement message to the sending device ~~and~~ or the other receiving device.
3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said retransmission of missing or mangled data is a multicast or unicast message from the sending device ~~and/or~~ another receiving device or both said sending device and said another receiving device.
4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said missing or mangled data is retransmitted from said sending device ~~and/or~~ said other receiving device or both said sending device and said other receiving device that possesses the missing or mangled data from the data transmission.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising prioritizing the retransmitting of said missing or mangled data based on said acknowledgement, number of data transmissions missed, location of missed or mangled data or the like.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, ~~further comprising retransmitting~~ wherein said retransmission of said missing or mangled data ~~by retransmitting~~ is a retransmission of the entire original data transmission.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, ~~further comprising retransmitting~~ wherein said retransmission of said missing or mangled data ~~by retransmitting~~ is a retransmission of only the missing data of the original data transmission.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, ~~further comprising repositioning~~ wherein said missing or mangled data is repositioned in the data transmission.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, providing reliability management and congestion control to facilitate multicast transmission of data packets to receivers.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, ~~further comprising sending wherein~~ the original data transmission ~~from said receiving device using~~ uses an active Asynchronous Layered Coding (ALC) mechanism including forward error coding.

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising transmitting said acknowledgement ~~or of~~ missing or mangled data from said receiving device using a negative acknowledgement (NACK) and retransmission mechanism.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said missing or mangled data is from a previous transmission, an earlier transmission or a predicted transmission.

13. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising defining unidirectional transmission block identifiers and corresponding objects before transmitting data to a receiving device.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said data is ~~transmitted~~ received from the sending device using unidirectional protocol.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, wherein said acknowledgement is transmitted by ~~a~~said receiving device using a bi-directional or uplink simplex protocol using the same transmission block identifier as the unidirectional protocol.

16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising sending an acknowledgment from said receiving ~~or sending~~ device that the missing or mangled data has been correctly received.

17. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said acknowledgement contains a plurality of negative acknowledgements regarding missing or mangled data in the data transmission.

18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said receiving device is a personal communication device, GPRS, WLAN, DVB ~~or~~or other similar wireless device.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said sending devices is a server, IP-based device, GPRS, DVB or other similar wireless device.

20. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said sending device and said receiving device are in the same network or in different networks.

21. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium storing a computer program including program code, executable in a computer, comprising:

program code for receiving ~~transmitting and scheduling~~ a data packet for delivery from at least one sending device to at least one receiving device at different rates and in different layers using Asynchronous Layered Coding (ALC) with congestion control and Forward Error Coding (FEC);

program code for determining missing or mangled data transmitted from said sending device for multiple data rates and multiple layers using negative acknowledgement (NACK)-Oriented Reliable Multicast (NORM) protocols at the receiving device with FEC for repair of damaged packets or packets that have not been received ;

program code for sending an acknowledgement ~~or~~of transmission of missing or mangled data to said sending device ~~and~~ or to another receiving device;

program code for ~~transmitting-receiving~~ a retransmission of said missing or mangled data from ~~said sending device and/or~~ said other receiving device to complete transmission of data packet and a data transmission session.

22. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim 21, wherein said acknowledgment of said missing or mangled data is a multicast or unicast negative acknowledgement message to the sending device ~~and-or~~ the ~~another~~ receiving device.

23. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim 21, wherein said retransmission of missing and mangled data is a multicast or unicast message from the sending device ~~and/or~~ another receiving device or both said sending device and said another receiving device.

24. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim 21, wherein said missing or mangled data is retransmitted from said sending device ~~and/or~~ said other receiving device or both said sending device and said other receiving device that possesses the missing or mangled blocks.

25. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 21, further comprising program code for prioritizing the retransmitting of said missing or mangled data based on said acknowledgement received, number of data transmissions missed, location of the missed or mangled data or the like.

26. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim 21, ~~further comprising program code for retransmitting~~ wherein said retransmission of said missing or mangled data ~~by retransmitting~~ is a retransmission of the entire original data transmission.

27. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim 21, ~~further comprising program code for retransmitting~~ wherein said retransmission of said missing or mangled data ~~by retransmitting~~ is a retransmission of only the missing data of the original data transmission.

28. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim 25, ~~further comprising program code for repositioning wherein~~ said missing or mangled data is repositioned in the data retransmission.

29. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 21, providing reliability management and congestion control to facilitate multicast transmission of data packets to receivers.

30. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim 21, ~~further comprising program code for sending wherein~~ the original data transmission ~~from said sending device using~~ uses an active Asynchronous Layered Coding (ALC) mechanism.

31. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim 21, further comprising program code for transmitting said acknowledgement ~~or of~~ missing or mangled data from said receiver using a negative acknowledgement (NACK) and retransmission mechanism.

32. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim 21, wherein said missing or mangled data is from a previous transmission, an earlier transmission or a predicted transmission.

33. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 21, further comprising program code for defining unidirectional transmission block identifiers and corresponding objects before transmitting data to the receiving device.

34. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim 21, wherein said data is ~~transmitted~~ received from the sending device using a unidirectional protocol.

35. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim ~~32~~33, wherein said acknowledgement is transmitted from said receiving device using a bi-directional or uplink simplex protocol using the same transmission block identifier as the unidirectional protocol.

36. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim 21, further comprising program code for sending a positive acknowledgement from said receiving ~~or sending~~ device that the missing or mangled data has been received correctly.

37. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim 21, wherein said acknowledgement contains a plurality of negative acknowledgements regarding missing or mangled data in the data transmission. ~~further comprising program code for sending a plurality of negative acknowledgements in the same negative acknowledgement message.~~

38. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim 21, wherein said receiving device is GPRS, WLAN, DVB ~~or~~ or other similar wireless device.

39. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 21, wherein said sending device is a server, IP-based device, GPRS, DVB or other similar wireless device.

40. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:
at least one sending device for transmitting and scheduling data for delivery to at least one receiving device at different rates and in different layers using Asynchronous Layered Coding (ALC) with congestion control and Forward Error Coding (FEC);

at least one receiving device for determining missing or mangled data transmitted from said sending device for multiple data rates and multiple layers using negative acknowledgement (NACK)-Oriented Reliable Multicast (NORM) protocols at the receiving device with FEC for repair of damaged packets or packets that have not been received; and

said receiving device sending an acknowledgement ~~or~~ of transmission of missing and mangled data to said sending device or to another receiver regarding retransmission of at least missing or mangled data;

at least one network for establishing communication between said sending device and said receiving device as well as communication between receiving devices in the network; and

said receiving device receiving ~~transmitting~~ a retransmission of said missing or mangled data from ~~said sending device or~~ said other receiving device in the same ~~and~~ and/or different networks to complete the data packet and a data transmission session.

41. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 40, wherein said acknowledgment of said missing or mangled data is a multicast or unicast negative acknowledgement message to the sending device ~~and~~ or the ~~another~~ receiving device.

42. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 40, wherein said retransmission of missing or mangled data is a multicast or unicast message from the sending device ~~and/or~~ said another receiving device or both said sending device and said another receiving device.

43. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 40, wherein said missing or mangled data are retransmitted from said sending device ~~and/or~~ another receiving device or both said sending device and said another receiving device that possesses the missing or mangled data.

44. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 40, wherein the retransmission of said missing or mangled data is prioritized based on the acknowledgement of missing or mangled data received, number of data transmissions missed, location of missed or mangled data or the like.

45. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 40, wherein missing or mangled data are retransmitting along with the entire original data transmission.

46. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 40, wherein retransmitting said missing or mangled data ~~involves~~ comprises retransmitting only the missing data of the original data transmission.

47. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 40, wherein said retransmitting ~~involves~~ comprises repositioning said missing or mangled data in the data retransmission.

48. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 40, including reliability management and congestion control to facilitate multicast transmission of data packets to receivers.

49. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 40, wherein said data transmitted from said sending device ~~using~~ uses an active Asynchronous Layered Coding (ALC) mechanism.

50. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 40, further comprising transmitting said acknowledgement from said receiving device using a negative acknowledgement (NACK) and retransmission mechanism.

51. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 40, wherein said missing or mangled data is from a previous transmission, an earlier transmission or a predicted transmission from said sending device.

52. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 40, wherein sending device defines unidirectional transmission block identifiers and corresponding objects before transmitting data to the receiving device.

53. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 40, wherein said sending device transmits data using a unidirectional protocol.

54. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 52, wherein said receiving device transmits an acknowledgement using a bi-directional or uplink simplex protocol using the same transmission block identifier as the unidirectional protocol.

55. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 40, wherein said sending device and receiving device are in the same network of different networks.

56. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 40, wherein said receiving device is a personal communication device, GPRS, WLAN, DVB ~~or~~ or other similar wireless devices.

57. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 40, wherein said sending device is a server, IP-based device, DVB, GPRS or other similar wireless device.

58. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:
at least one processor configured to ~~for~~ determining missing or mangled data in a data transmission sent by a sending device for multiple data rates and multiple layers using Asynchronous Layered Coding (ALC) with congestion control and Forward Error Coding (FEC);

a negative acknowledgement (NACK) and transmission mechanism configured to ~~for~~ sending an acknowledgement ~~or of said~~ transmission of missing and mangled data to said sending device ~~and or~~ to another receiving device ~~with FEC for repair of damaged packets or packets that have not been received;~~

a network interface configured to communicate with at least one network for establishing communication between said sending device and said receiving device as well as communication between receiving devices in the network;

said apparatus receiving ~~transmitting~~ a retransmission of said missing or mangled data from ~~said sending device and/or~~ said other receiving device in the same or in a different networks to complete the data packet and a data transmission session;

and

a memory coupled to said ~~including a~~ processor, storing an operating system and application programs ~~for~~ and storing the data received ~~transmission~~ from the ~~sending device or~~ other receiving device.

59. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 58, wherein said acknowledgment of said missing or mangled data is a multicast or unicast negative acknowledgement message to the sending device ~~and~~ or the ~~another~~ receiving device.

60. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 58, wherein said retransmission of missing or mangled data is a multicast or unicast message of the sending device ~~and~~ or the ~~another~~ receiving device or both said sending device and said other receiving device.

61. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 58, wherein said missing or mangled data is retransmitted from said sending device ~~and~~ or other receiving device or both said sending device and said other receiving device that possesses the missing or mangled blocks.

62. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 58, further comprising sending the original data transmission from said server using an active Asynchronous Layered Coding (ALC) mechanism including forward error coding.

63. (Original) The apparatus of claim 58, where said missing or mangled data is from a previous transmission, an earlier transmission or a predicted transmission.

64. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 58, wherein said receiving device is personal communication device, GPRS, WLAN, DVB ~~or~~ or other similar wireless device.